

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A rear projector comprising:

a housing that has a front side thereof formed with an opening defined by an opening edge portion of the housing, wherein the housing is one piece;

a screen panel that is slightly larger in size than the opening of the housing, wherein the screen panel is directly mounted in the one piece housing and is attached to the front side of the housing such that the opening edge portion of the opening of the housing and a periphery of the screen panel are opposed to each other, the screen panel receiving projection light projected from a rear side thereof for image display, and thereby displaying an image thereon;

a projection mechanism that is disposed within the housing, for projecting the projection light; and

a dust-proofing elastic member that is disposed between the periphery of the screen panel and the opening edge portion, wherein the dust-proofing elastic member is formed of a closed-cell expanded resin, the screen panel being attached to the housing.

2. (Canceled)

3. (New) A rear projector comprising:

a housing that has a front side thereof formed with an opening defined by an opening edge portion of the housing;

a screen panel that is slightly larger in size than the opening of the housing and attached to the front side of the housing such that the opening edge portion of the opening of the housing and a periphery of the screen panel are opposed to each other, the screen panel

receiving projection light projected from a rear side thereof for image display, and thereby displaying an image thereon, the screen panel being directly attached to the housing;

a projection mechanism that is disposed within the housing, for projecting the projection light; and

a dust-proofing elastic member that is disposed between the periphery of the screen panel and the opening edge portion.

4. (New) The rear projector as claimed in claim 3, wherein the dust-proofing elastic member is formed of a closed-cell expanded resin.

5. (New) The rear projector as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a holder that holds the screen panel from the rear side of the screen panel,

wherein the opening edge portion has a first portion opposed to the screen panel, and has a second portion projected from the first portion to the rear side of the screen panel at the outer side of the periphery of the screen panel, and

the holder is secured to the second portion so that the elastic member and the screen panel are clamped between the holder and the first portion.

6. (New) A rear projector comprising:

a housing that has an opening;

a screen panel that is slightly larger in size than the opening, the screen panel having a front side and a rear side, a periphery of the screen panel being attached to the housing;

a projection mechanism that is disposed within the housing and projects light to the screen panel from the rear side;

an edge portion that defines the opening, the edge portion having a first portion opposed to the periphery of the screen panel, and having a second portion projected from the first portion to the rear side of the screen panel at an outer side of the periphery of the screen panel;

a dust-proofing elastic member that is disposed between the front side of the screen panel at the periphery and the first portion; and

a holder that holds the screen panel from the rear side of the screen panel, the holder being secured to the second portion so that the elastic member and the screen panel are clamped between the holder and the first portion.

7. (New) The rear projector as claimed in claim 6, wherein the dust-proofing elastic member is formed of a closed-cell expanded resin.